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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/710,740	TSUEI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed on 10/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-15,17-20,22-24,26-39 and 43-63.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on 10/30/2006 has been entered. Claims 5, 10, 16, 21, 25, and 40-42 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 11-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-39, and 43-63 are presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 7, line 1, replace "claim 7" with -- claim 1 --. [It is deemed that the change in dependency was a typo; and claim 7 now depends on itself].

Claim 23, line 1, replace "claim 21" with - - claim 20 - -. [The limitations of claim 21 have been incorporated in claim 20, and claim 21 has been canceled].

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 11-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-39, and 43-63 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Applicant's arguments are considered persuasive. The prior art fails to disclose

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a method for protecting anonymity of a consumer comprising the steps of: (i) ordering merchandise using an alias credit or debit card; (ii) shipping the merchandise using the pseudonym which includes an address associated with a disguised mailing center (DMC); (iii) communicating the pseudonym to an offline database which having the steps of: (a) generating a request; (b) processing the request; (c) sending the request; (d) receiving a response; (e) sending the response from the server to the DMC; (f) receiving the response including the true address; (g) relabel the merchandise with the true address; (h) shipping the merchandise from the DCM to the true address; and having the functions and characteristics as recited in claim 1. The prior art also fails to disclose the limitations of claims 9, 15, 20, 24, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 55.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien M. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2396. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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